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Fact Sheet

FSA Committee Election

Nominate and Vote for farmers of your choice

Important Dates

- June 3 Request nomination forms from the FSA county office, and begin nominations.
- Oct. 27 Last day to file nomination forms.
- Nov. 21 Ballots mailed to eligible voters.
- Dec. 1 Last day to return voted ballots.
- Jan. 1, 1998 Elected committee members/alternates take office.

You and Your Committees

County FSA committees administer FSA farm programs at county and area levels. County FSA committees are elected by eligible producers.

Vote

The election of responsible agricultural producers is important to ALL farmers and ranchers. Farm programs administered by county FSA committees include:

- commodity price support loans and payments;
- establishment of allotments, yields, and marketing quotas;
- farmer loans;
- conservation programs;
- incentive, indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities;
- other farm disaster assistance;
- ensuring farm loan program borrowers are classified;
- determination of farm loan program eligibility.

Who Can Vote

Farm owners, operators, tenants and sharecroppers, of legal voting age, can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program. Check with your FSA office for voting requirements.

Nominations

A nomination form signed by the nominee is needed to nominate a farmer-candidate. The form includes a statement that the candidate agrees to serve if elected.

Nomination forms must be received by the county office by October 27.

Almost anyone eligible to take part in a county FSA program may be a candidate for the committee.

Don't Miss Out on Voting

The 1997 election will end December 1. Ballots will be mailed to voters by November 21 and must be returned or postmarked by December 1.

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